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Newspaper Contest 2016
Weekly Division
Responsible Journalism: Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

Weekly Under 6,500

No Third Place
Feds probing deadly train crash

Accident took life of local mom, injured 108

Where are answers in Hoboken Train crash?/Feds probing crash/every ride needs to feel safe and secure

Marilyn Baer
School unlikely to open on time

Joshua Jongsma
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
West Milford Messenger
The Heroin Epidemic
Linda Smith Hancharick
For young users, pills are often ‘the training wheels to heroin’

BY MADISON RUS
Staff Writer

Adderall is one of the most commonly prescribed medications for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), its use is on the rise. In the United States, 5.5 million children are diagnosed with ADHD, and 9.9 million adults are affected by the disorder.

Adderall, a stimulant, can help people with ADHD focus and concentrate. It is one of the most commonly prescribed medications for the disorder. However, it is also a powerful drug that can be addictive if not taken as prescribed.

Adderall can be abused in several ways, including taking it for recreational use or using it in combination with other drugs. It can also be sold on the black market, where it may be mixed with other substances to create a stronger high.

Adderall is a Schedule II drug, which means it has a high potential for abuse and dependence. It is classified as a stimulant and can cause a range of side effects, including anxiety, nervousness, and insomnia.

Adding to the problem is the fact that Adderall is often used as a substitute for other pills, which can lead to an increase in the amount of medication that is being taken. This can be dangerous and lead to addiction.

Adderall is a powerful drug that can be addictive if not taken as prescribed. It is important to follow the instructions of a healthcare provider and not abuse the medication.

The Leader of the Wildwoods

Current Solutions

Madison Russ
The Current of Egg Harbor Twp.

Restricting Access Grants Among Many Approaches

Shining a bright light on the opiate problem in high school

Shining A Bright Light On Opiate Recovery Success Depends On After Detox

Former Football Star Finds Strength Salvation

Army Helps Bring Local Mother Back

Laura Stetser, Project Leader

Suzanne Marino, Staff Writer

Bill LeConey, Staff Writer

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Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Responsible Journalism: Public Service

Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Purchase orders destroyed after 2 years

Groundwater tests for PFOS
Tainted wells found
Most contaminants found
Joint base to test private wells

Kristina Scala
Staff writer
The Fugitive Preacher

Fugitive preacher accused of new abuse
Fugitive preacher caught in Honduras
Ex-pastor who fled child sex conviction
back in U.S.
Fugitive pastor can’t flee this time

Mark Mueller
Brian Donohue
‘SUPER’ DONATIONS

Fulop-aligned Coalition for Process raised $3.2M since July

‘Super’ Donations; Fulop critics slam $1M donation to super PAC; Watchdog group asks feds to probe super PAC tied to Fulop; Q politics super PAC donor revealed

Terrence McDonald
Reporter
Broken System: Cash-hungry towns have turned local courts into money machines

Kala Kachmar
First Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

Recovery Road; A democratic approach to recovery

Jenny Wagner, Staff writer
Marion Callahan, Staff writer
Jo Ciavaglia, Staff writer
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: PUBLIC SERVICE
LLOYD P. BURNS MEMORIAL AWARD

First Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Press of Atlantic City

Growing Up Hungry

Growing Up Hungry Team
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Responsible Journalism: Editorial Comment
MORRIS NEWS BEE

Mane has its work cut out; As Mane goes...

Jim Lent
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: EDITORIAL COMMENT

Third Place Weekly Over 6,500
South Bergenite

Move on, Change is hard

Jaimie Julia Winters
Editor
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Bernardsville News

Reporting local drug deaths; The silent drug crisis continues

Charlie Zavalick
Mount Carmel: Fragility, Stability, Faith; Want to Bet? Taxpayers Set for Raw Deal

Mark S. Porter
Editor
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: EDITORIAL COMMENT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500
The Progress

All hot air; Reality check

Russ Crespolini
Jealousy, Envy and Political Retribution; Space: The Final Frontier

David Nahan
Editor
What's driving up the cost of roads; Local forum might be best kept open; State, Audubon agreement subject to open

Bruce Tomlinson
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: EDITORIAL COMMENT

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Trentonian

Trentonian editorials

John Berry

There is no high road in this election

It’s been ugly and getting uglier, for quite a long time now and really no end in sight. This is the new normal for political discourse in America. The Presidential candidates both taking low blow shots at the other. Each chiding the moral high ground. “When they go low, we go high” is an actual refrain from the Hillary Clinton campaign. Empty rhetoric at best. Wild lies at worst.

The latest among us to believe that the leading of the so-called “voice of Donald Trump” brought about discussion, coherence just in time for it to be an issue in the debate later claimed that the timing of the means that a change in discourse, or at the very least, powerful supporters of Clinton, was to get the slings out there at an advantageous time.

It seems like this kind of dirty political publishing has become the norm in recent months. The last debate was just a rehash of the same things and still on top of it.

The politicians were supposed to be reaching out to undecided voters that seemed to be deciding their favorite but not yet a favorite so that the other might make them change their minds. These voters are not the kind that would make them change their minds.

The politicians are trying to make them change their minds by taking away the other option by running down the other person. They are not going to be the kind of voters that will be swayed by the negative comments.

Back Talk

Women and Trump

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John Berry
Let's get back to the business of government; Hainesport official took 'joke' too far; Lenape, let player try out for football

Gretchen Barrett
Editorial page editor
Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Press of Atlantic City

Teachers need support on front lines against bullying; it's time to add 74 names to Vietnam Memorial; A.C. schools can't afford insurance opt-out payments

Owen Gallagher
Senior Copy Editor
Army Corps turns back on Manville; Utility’s rate-hike truly an outrage; Don’t lock in pension payments

Keith Ryzewicz
Community Content/Engagement Editor
Reneging on deals makes needed compromise tough; We help voters make informed choices, don’t choose for them; Shore must be transformed to reduce flood, storm damage

Kevin Post
Editorial Page Editor
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Responsible Journalism: Enterprise
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: ENTERPRISE

Weekly Under 6,500

No Third Place
Detectives not giving up on 15-year-old Clifton slaying

Tony Gicas
2015 saw uptick in Nutley gun permits, identifications

Hasime Kukaj
City skate park still not fixed

Bible reveals local sacrifice

Church refurbishes Bible containing soldiers’ stories

Tony Gicas
Residents receive subpoenas on mosque; Mosque suit backed; Subpoenas are cited; Rush to judgment; Mosque trial set

W. Jacob Perry
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: ENTERPRISE

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

The 2016 Montclair Film Festival Staff
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Responsible Journalism: Enterprise
New Jersey Herald

Can Sussex County capitalize on legal marijuana? Legal marijuana: What of public health?; Are marijuana arrests fair?; David Danzis letter

David Danzis
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: ENTERPRISE

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Shoresharks; Surviving Suicide; Magic in the Pine Barrens

Jason Nark
Reporter
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: ENTERPRISE

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
Burlington County Times

Evesham delays decision; Staying afloat; Evesham scraps utility takeover

Todd McHale
Staff writer
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: ENTERPRISE

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

Children of Heroin

Ken Serrano
The fight is never over; Burlington County veterans find solace; PTSD caught in the middle

Kristina Scala
Staff writer
New discovery raises concerns in Ringwood; EPA failed to disclose Ringwood contamination; Traces of toxic chemical in water supplies; Outdated tests failed to spot contaminant; Ringwood halts plan to build on dump site

Scott Fallon
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Responsible Journalism: First Amendment Award
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:  
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD  

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Leonia Life

Council may cut funds to town library; Borough library to begin closing Sundays; Budget delayed over proposed library cuts; Budget won’t cut the library as deeply; Library reaches out to offset $103K cut

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Reporter
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Middle Township Gazette

Officials: Delays in medical examiner reports hampering investigations

David Benson
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500
The Ocean Star

Board balks on parking

Kimberly Burnett
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Ocean City Sentinel

Special treatment for a city employee?

Eric Avedissian
Reporter
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Cedar Grove mayor resigns

Joshua Jongsma
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Union County
Local Source

Allegations of misconduct at Hillside BOE

Elana Knopp
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Responsible Journalism: First Amendment Award
Art Weismann Memorial Award
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000
New Jersey Herald

Hopatcong going ahead with firing range plans; Police firing range to be reevaluated; Prosecutor's probe firing range issue in Hopatcong; David Danzis letter

David Danzis
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM: FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record (Bergen County)

Sources: Christie wants book deal; Christie book deal to squeeze taxpayers; Christie ignoring $7.4B in biz tax breaks

Salvador Rizzo
State House Bureau
Superintendents shuffle; Half of county districts; Superintendent salaries

David Levinsky
Staff writer

Kelly Kultys
Staff writer
NJ Transit is Watching, Listening; NJ Transit tight-lipped on its use of recordings; Controversial audio surveillance of riders comes to a quiet end

Larry Higgs
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

First Place Daily Under 23,000
New Jersey Herald

Students caught in middle; High Point school chief won't address cyber; Spying allegations rile High Point High School; Eric Obernauer Letter

Eric Obernauer
RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM:
FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

First Place Daily Over 23,000
The Star-Ledger

Bait & Switch; Legislators vow to update 911 system; Funding for 911 system on tap for revamping

Alex Napoliello
Stephen Stirling
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: News Writing
wildwood local was in orlando club during horrific shooting
mother both graceful and heartbroken after our survivers mass murder
by madison russ
wildwood - wildwood high school class of 2011 graduate, jared banham, was at the orlando club when the massacre unfolded. banham and his friend, colin, were at a nearby bar when the shooting began.

"i was just passing through the club and didn't know it was a gay club," said banham. "i didn't know they were the target until i saw the smoke." 

banham and colin rushed to the door, but it was locked. they turned to a nearby window and jumped to escape.

madison russ

wildwood high school grad in orlando shooting

madison russ
Roselle clerk on paid leave going on four years

Some in Roselle government seek to avoid action, which might disclose 'unflattering' information

By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer

It may be the least joy in Union County.

A borough of Roselle clocked an administrative leave longer than four years ago, has been paid a hefty annual salary and benefits with no work being done.

David Reben, the borough's former Roselle Borough Mayor, has been on paid leave since March 15, 2016, according to paperwork obtained by the Star Ledger through an OPRA request. And there seems to be no end in sight.

Reben, according to an official letter from the borough, dated May 8, 2016, sent by borough manager Josephine Urga, has been on paid leave for "medical reasons," the letter states.

"The borough, in accordance with its medical insurance policy and Federal labor laws, desires to provide a greater opportunity for a full recovery and return to work," the letter states.

Reben, according to the letter, is under the care of a psychologist, and his family is working on an "extensive rehabilitation plan." The letter suggests Reben's absence is not for a "serious medical condition."
Community comes together for families displaced by fire
Three homes destroyed in Orchard Square blaze Friday

Community comes together for family displaced by fire

Derek Allen
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
The SandPaper

Winter Storm Jonas Coverage

Editorial Staff
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: NEWS WRITING

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Morris News Bee

Towns are braced for battle; Fragrance plan withdrawn

Jim Lent
First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Ocean City Sentinel

Winter storm's tides far worse than snow; Senators Booker, Menendez tour storm-hit Sea Isle City; Strathmere hit worse than expected

Eric Avedissian
Reporter

Kristen Kelleher
Reporter
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Breaking News
Newton water back on after break;
Bruce Scruton Letter

Bruce Scruton
Third Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

Terror bombing suspect arrested

Staff
Inferno on 206; Blazes Destroys two warehouses

Staff
Elizabeth bombing suspect arrest

Staff
2 dead in Turnpike crash, state police say; Driver charged with manslaughter; Teacher, Daughter Mourned

Patrick Villanovva, City Editor
Caitlin Mota, Reporter
Mak Ojutiku, Reporter
Michael Dempsey, Photographer
High speed into chaos

First Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Record (Bergen County)

High speed into chaos

Editorial Staff
Newspaper Contest 2016
Weekly Division
Reporting, Writing & Illustration:
Coverage of Government –
Art Weissman Memorial Award
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT – ART WEISSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Bloomfield Life

Nephew speaks out; Administration misses first public meeting on profiling allegations; Director: Report 'irresponsible and wrong'

Owen Proctor
Longport residents split on library withdrawal; Atlantic County closing borough branch; Library officials defend decision to pull out of Longport

Nanette LoBiondo Galloway
Appointment falls through; Investigation costs revealed, councilman feels left out of loop; Tensions boil over at recent meeting

Brian Marron
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Hackensack Chronicle

Apology offered by officials for failed promotion; Residents voice opposition to privatization of sanitation force; Council drops bid to privatize DPW

Stephanie Noda
Ordinance related to weapon sales pulled; Mayor suggests councilman resign; Council members facing accusations

P.J. Candido
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT – ART WEISSMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Coast Star

Belmar Liquor License Denial

Caitlyn Bahrenburg
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: News Writing Portfolio
Millville tavern gutted in blaze; Vineland High School graduates 615; End of watch for Cumberland County K-9

Deborah M. Marko
Reporter
Third Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Star-Ledger

N.J.’s invisible workforce; Medical Melting Pot; 'Smart Guns' back on target

Kelly Heyboer
Power struggle in City Hall; Ennis in hot water for unpaid utility bills; Millville holds firm on CCTEC sports ban

Joseph P. Smith
Reporter
State fighting rise in tainted water; Plant invaders threaten North Jersey landscape; New Jersey Water: Plan To Sell to NY Raises Concerns

James M. O’Neill
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: NEWS WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 23,000

Courier News

A legacy of caring; Back to school a team effort; Habit of giving

Susan Bloom
Correspondent
First Place, Daily Over 23,000

Asbury Park Press

Children of Heroin; Heroin's deadlier companion; How you can save a life

Ken Serrano
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Elections/Politics
The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Freeholders make Township 'uneasy'

Harry Trumbore
Fulp will run for mayor, not governor; There is a place here for young politicians; A talk over breakfast

Al Sullivan
Cicala wins council election; No surprises in uncontested board races; Candidates finalize campaigns

Brian Marron
Megan Spinelli
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: COVERAGE OF ELECTIONS/POLITICS

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The SandPaper

Meet Assemblyman Joe Howarth From Neighboring 8th District; Pinelands Regional High School Teen Attends Bernie Sanders Rally in AC; Stockton Poll Shows Clinton Leading Trump in New Jersey

Rick Mellerup
Writer
South Bergen reflects on the Trump factor - from EnCap to GOP hopeful; Democrats seek Trump, EnCap documents; How teachers are teaching this presidential election

Kelly Nicholaides, Staff Writer
Jaimie Julia Winters, Editor
Kaitlyn Kanzler, Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Local News Coverage
REPORTING AND WRITING: LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000

Courier News

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Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Trentonian

Sept. 8 & 12, 2016

Staff
New Jersey Herald

Route 206 paving project progressing

Car bomb threat leads to arrest at High Point H.S.

$15,000 reward offered for tips in Greenwood Lake boat hit-and-run

Trump levels harsh criticism against U.S. military generals

New Jersey Herald staff

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Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Press of Atlantic City
Sept. 8-12, 2016
Press of Atlantic City News Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE

First Place, Daily Under 23,000

The Daily Journal

Sept. 8-13, 2016

Editorial Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE

First Place, Daily Over 23,000

Asbury Park Press

Asbury Park Press news week, Sept. 8-12

Staff
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Coverage of Crime – Police Courts
Suit alleges local funeral home mishandled body; Nutley man sentenced for shooting police officer; Nutley, neighboring towns react to Dallas shootings

Hasime Kukaj
Sonia Owchariw
Erin Roll
Roman Uschak
Death behind closed doors; Teen killed at party; This was a person

Al Sullivan
Ex-cop gets five years for misconduct; Was study random?; Teacher charged with sexual assault

Hasime Kukaj
Erin Roll
Man says MPD pointed gun at him while walking home; MPD and Township Council weigh pros and cons of cams; Holding court with the cops

Lisa Marie Segarra
Staff Writer
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: COVERAGE OF CRIME – POLICE COURTS

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Saving lives worldwide; Totowa man sentenced in stabbing case; Verona officials come to the rescue

P.J. Candido
Brian Marron
The Heroin Epidemic

Linda Smith Hancharick
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Specialty Writing Portfolio
State prepares stewardship plan for Sparta; Sparta Mountain comments get another month; Restoration begins for Sparta Glen

Bruce Scruton
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Press of Atlantic City

*Hard-learned lessons; Keeping a lookout for forest fires; Brighter, clearer ocean*

Dan Skeldon
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

A closer look; A blog gets personal; Game changer

Kristen Coppock
Staff writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Star-Ledger

My mission: Fend off the merciless killer that took my mother;
Exporting Alzheimer's — one burger at a time; Can having sex regularly reduce risk of dementia?

Tony Dearing
Michael Izzo: Craft breweries plant flag in NJ
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPECIALTY WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record (Bergen County)

Heart of a survivor; Last-chance transplant; Gambling on Cure

Lindy Washburn
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Interpretive Writing
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION:
INTERPRETIVE WRITING

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Two River Times

Working the Dream: Immigrant Business Owners Tell Their Stories

John Burton
Anthony Cosentino
Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500
South Bergenite

A legacy of contradictions

Kaitlyn Kanzler
Kelly Nicholaides
Autistic children are different, not less, parent says

Christopher South
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: INTERPRETIVE WRITING

Second Place Weekly Over 6,500
New Jersey Law Journal

More NJ School Districts Could Face Lead Contamination Suits

Charles Toutant
Hughes on 'target list' of mayors

Erin Roll
Roman Uschak
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: INTERPRETIVE WRITING

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Edison/Metuchen Sentinel

Gun sales up in the Garden State
Kathy Chang
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Feature, Lifestyle and Entertainment Writing Portfolio
An awesome pick for queen; Back on the shelves; Who killed illicit lovers?

Cheryl Makin
Staff Writer
One shade of Oscar; The director's first act; Secrets in the Library

Jim Beckerman
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: FEATURE, LIFESTYLE AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000

New Jersey Herald

When the Champ came to town; Blairstown woman, 100, stays politically active; M&M's turns 75, opens doors

David Danzis
Bountiful Harvest; New Jersey's moment is over ... but what it spawned may be worse; A century of the shark

Brian Donohue
First Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

Care at a cost; Need for paid caregivers on the rise; Finding strength

Crissa Shoemaker DeBree
Staff writer

James McGinnis
Staff writer
First Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record
(Bergen County)

A bridge without all the bustle; A Thanksgiving odyssey; Sorrow for Santa

Christopher Maag
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Feature Writing
Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Item of Millburn and Short Hills

Vet remembers Okinawa

Harry Trumbore
A walk with purpose

Megan Hodes hopes to raise awareness about suicide

Northern Valley Suburbanite

A walk with purpose

Michael Curley
BHS coaches recognized for saving life

Sonia Owchariw
Monty the school mascot, whose name is Monty, has decided to make his rounds in the Ventnor community as the school mascot.

The Current of Ventnor, Margate and Longport

Margate commissioners Vote to end dunes fight

By Nanette LoBiondo Galloway

VENTNOR – Margate commissioners on Wednesday approved a resolution that will be used to get the state to approve their plans to build sand dunes to protect the town from a rising ocean.

The town has been working with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on the project for more than a year, but the department has been slow to approve the plan.

The town’s proposal includes building a sea dike and a series of sand dunes along the shore.

The town’s resolution, which was approved by a 3-1 vote, calls for the state to provide funding for the project.

“Monty the school mascot, whose name is Monty, has decided to make his rounds in the Ventnor community as the school mascot.”

Second Place Weekly Over 6,500

Her name was Sara

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Nanette LoBiondo Galloway
Is Basking Ridge oak tree dying?
600-year-old landmark at church is in failing health

W. Jacob Perry
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FEATURE WRITING

First Place Weekly Over 6,500

The Coast Star

A letter and a hunch

Caitlyn Bahrenburg
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Sports Writing Portfolio
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place Daily Under 23,000

The Jersey Journal

"My Time Will Come; Height Is Just a Number; When Giants Played"

Jason Bernstein
Reporter
He's asking for her hand; Not all venues will adopt NJSIAA tailgating ban; Family feeling at South Plainfield

Greg Tufaro
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
Burlington County Times

Riverside coming together; Elder statesman; Family matters

John Lewis
Sports writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000

South Jersey Times

Camden Catholic’s Walsh places 5th; Going for back-to-back Gold; Philly fans made Utley’s return special

Bill Evans
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

Simply the best; Back on the attack; Rookie Wentz ready ahead of schedule

Tom Rimback
Sports writer
Rice delivers a declaration; Monmouth assistant Callahan has college connection to retired Garnett; Monmouth's Rice, Callahan returning to Syracuse roots

Josh Newman
Reporter
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Column Writing
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: COLUMN WRITING

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Retrospect

Memory Lane: The Boogie Pit;
Decoration Day-William A. Comly;
Hennings Nickels

Mark Zeigler
Graphic Artist
'Beach Blanket Bingo' meets 'The Wild One'; Newspapers are a key conduit

David Nahan
Editor
You know what is best for your own children.

I'm Batman

Russ Crespolini
Two towns for the ages: from the Revolution to 2016; Officials must speak out when acts of hate occur

Mark Rosman
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
COLUMN WRITING

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500
Windsor-Hights Herald

Around the Horn

Mike Morsch
Executive Editor
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: COLUMN WRITING

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Princeton Packet

Loose Ends

Pam Hersh
Columnist
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Local Sports Coverage
REPORTING AND WRITING:
LOCAL SPORTS COVERAGE

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The Philadelphia Inquirer

Rally - 4/23/16, 4/25-4/28/16
High School Sports Staff
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Sports Writing Portfolio
Third Place Weekly Under 6,500
The Two River Times

Agrawal Enjoys Best of Both Worlds; From the World Cup to Colts Neck High, Frankie's Back!
CBA's Rivera Wins State Title on Last Second Pin

Rich Chrampanis
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: SPORTS WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place Weekly Over 6,500

Town Topics

Farrell Ends 39-Year Run as PU Women’s Track Coach; PU Grad Stone Returning to Olympics in Single Sculls; Producing Breakthrough Performance at NCAAs, Tiger Wrestler Harner Earns All-American Status

Bill Alden
End of the road for Devil teams

Ridge hoops rallies not enough in quarterfinal loss to East Orange

More heartache for Ridge hockey; Another 1-goal loss in the semis

Mansquan ends Bernards season

Schmidt loses tough prelim match at states

Ghill boys move on; girls fall in semis

Kelly Fenton
SPORTS

Rams Revive Year With Win Against Red Bank Catholic

Hayes: January Was Tough Month

On Monday, the southern Regional high school hockey team had a 3-2 win over Red Bank Catholic to start the season.

The Rams broke a three-game losing streak against Red Bank Catholic, which had been a tough month for their team. Hayes said, "January was a tough month for our team. We had to face the pressure of the playoffs and it was a tough battle on the ice."

The Rams took the lead early in the game with goals from Anthony Crotti, Paul Koval, and Ryan McFarland. Red Bank Catholic tried to catch up, but the Rams held on to win the game.

David Biggy
Writer

Rams’ Track Squad Extends Win Streak To 66 Dual Meets; Cedars Beach Patrol Repeats as Champs After Last-Event Win; Southern Football Team Secures Playoff Spot

The SandPaper

Second Place Weekly Over 6,500
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

Overtime heroics lift boys to first championship since 2011; Maroons seek first crown since 2012; Ridgewood goalie gets a Devil of a chance

Matthew Birchenough
Assistant Sports Editor
Season-opening win saved by a rainy day; Montclair's Wicket Game; Making it look easy

Kevin Meacham
Managing Editor
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Scholastic Sports Portfolio
REPORTING AND WRITING: SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000

The Jersey Journal

It's All Attitude; A Vision Realized; A First for Jersey City

Jason Bernstein
Reporter
Loss still a lift; Scott honors mother on field; 40 years later, Wildwood softball champs suffer first true loss

David Weinberg
Sports Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000

The Daily Journal

Everyone wants a piece; Bolts team recalls title; Surprise, surprise

Matt Silva
Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Philadelphia
Inquirer

Kessler a creature of habit; You're
Empty Inside; Real Inspiration

Phil Anastasia
Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING:
SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 23,000

The Daily Journal

Finding an escape; Basketball changing lives at academy; Coping through wrestling

Josh Friedman
Reporter
First Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record (Bergen County)

A life dedicated to his players; Threat at recruit a disturbing reality; Park Ridge’s hero

Darren Cooper
Local Sports Columnist
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration:
Robert P. Kelly Award
ESL class hosts International Luncheon

ESL class hosts International Luncheon; Group of concerned residents files complaint

Alexandra Hoey
Staff Writer
Whipping Turns at Wall Stadium; Pinelands History Comes Alive Each Saturday Evening

Tim Hone
Writer
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

Second Place Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Church application denied; Totowa man sentenced in stabbing case; Business owner takes stance

Brian Marron
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Montclair Times

Man says MPD pointed gun at him while walking home; A score of none

Lisa Marie Segarra
Staff Writer
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Two River Times

Jay Cook - NJ Transit Officials Tour Proposed Power Line Corridor; NJ Surfing Trailblazers Set to Reunite

Jay Cook
PREVENTING LEAD POISONING

Simple, low-cost steps parents can take to reduce their children’s lead exposure, according to the New Jersey Department of Health:

- Keep children away from base soil and when playing outdoors.
- Offer children a continuous diet high in iron and calcium, such as beans, nuts, and leafy greens. 
- Offer children foods high in calcium such as milk, cheese, fortified soy milk, and leafy greens.
- Cook foods until done.
- Clean floors and countertops at least weekly using a damp mop or sponge and detergent.
- Clean up any wet paint, lead-based paint, or jewelry before leaving the home.
- Clean hands before and after playing with or feeding children.
- Do not use any furniture made before 1978.
- Use only cold water to prepare formulas, for drinking and cooking.
- Rinse water for 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.

How much lead is in your water?

Straw News takes a closer look at water quality

SPAGTA = With the second highest concentrations of lead in the state, Michigan public water systems may be violating how much lead in water.

There are some areas in Muskegon County, especially the older areas of Muskegon County, where leaded water was used in the past and is now being used again, according to the Muskegon Health Department. “Lead pipes were used in the past to some of the older homes — there’s actually lead pipes — so it wouldn’t say it’s a problem, but potentially it’s there.”

The Environmental Protection Agency requires that a community water system monitor the amount of lead in the water it supplies to customers. The goal of these tests is to prevent lead from entering the drinking water supply. 

In Michigan, lead exposure in children is a serious public health concern. It can cause neurological and developmental delays in children. 

By drinking water that has lead, children may be exposed to lead:

- In the bloodstream: Lead can cross the placenta and enter the baby’s bloodstream. When a pregnant woman drinks water with lead, her baby may be exposed to lead.
- In the liver: Lead can interfere with the liver’s ability to remove toxins from the body. This can lead to liver damage in the long term.
- In the brain: Lead can affect brain development, leading to learning difficulties and behavioral problems.
- In the kidneys: Lead can damage the kidneys, leading to reduced kidney function.

The results

Over the most recent testing results from the water systems in Michigan, the Sparta Independent shows

A total of 35 children have tested positive for lead in their blood in the last year. According to the EPA, the Action Level for lead — the concentration of lead contaminant that if exceeded, triggers lead must or other action — is 15 ppb.

The highest level of lead was found in the Sparta Township Utility Water System, with 8 ppb, which is still low. The lowest level was found in the Sparta Township Utility Water System, with 3 ppb.

As explained in the Consumer Confidence Reports, lead gets into water via the erosion of lead plumbing systems on the erosion of natural deposits.

In Muskegon County, lead in water had a problem with elevated lead levels, according to Sebold. But those lead levels were not an issue because no lead was used in the system, and lead water was not used in any of the homes that showed elevated levels.

Lead levels in children

There are many reasons why children may be exposed to lead:

- In the home: Lead can enter the home through the soil, dust, or water. Lead-based paint can flake off walls and floors, and leaded water can contaminate the water supply.
- In food and beverages: Lead can enter the food and beverages children eat and drink. Lead in food and beverages can be from contaminated soil, dust, or water.
- In air: Lead can enter the air through vehicle exhaust, industrial emissions, or other sources. Lead in the air can be inhaled by children and can enter their bodies through the lungs.

Blood lead levels in children

Blood lead levels are a concern because lead can damage the brain and nervous system in children.

Children who have high blood lead levels are at risk for:

- Intellectual impairment
- Behavior problems
- Learning difficulties
- Physical health problems

Children with blood lead levels above 5 micrograms per deciliter (µg/dL) are at risk for neurological damage. Children with blood lead levels above 10 µg/dL are at risk for severe neurological damage.

In Muskegon County, the highest blood lead level was found in a child who tested at 50 µg/dL.

According to Sebold, once a child is in the system, they’re not required to test their drinking water on an annual basis for any parameter. However, even though it’s not required, he does recommend certain times when homeowners should test their private well water.

“Certainly if you’re having water work done on your well or on the piping in your home, be sure to test. If you’re not testing your water, you may not be aware of any potential issues. If you’re not testing your water, you may not be aware of any potential issues. If you’re not testing your water, you may not be aware of any potential issues.”

In addition, it is important to test for lead in water systems where leaded water has been used. According to the EPA, lead levels below 15 ppb are considered safe. However, if leaded water has been used, it is important to test for lead levels to ensure they are safe.

Lead levels in children

According to the EPA, lead levels in children can be monitored through blood lead testing. The test is simple and painless, and it is recommended for all children who are at risk for lead exposure.

The results of the test will be provided to the family, and the results will be shared with the child’s healthcare provider. The results will also be shared with the local health department and the state health department.

Erika Norton
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Business & Financial Writing Portfolio
REPORTING AND WRITING:
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL WRITING PORTFOLIO

Third Place Daily Under 23,000
Daily Record

Bill Westhoven's Business Portfolio

William Westhoven
HEADLINE: Trump's name officially exiting a beleaguered Atlantic City

By WAYNE PARRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS
Oct. 7, 2016

For years in this seaside gambling resort, Donald Trump's name and face seemed to be everywhere — in neon letters across the facades of three casinos, on billboards, and in ads on the side of shuttle buses.

But the man who is now the Republican presidential nominee has been mostly gone from Atlantic City since 2009, when a well-publicized decline was starting its third year. And early Monday, the last vestige of Donald J. Trump will vanish from Atlantic City when the new owner of the Trump Taj Mahal casino shuts it down.

"Atlantic City was a great period for me," Trump told The Associated Press in an interview last week. "Those were good years, before you had all the competition and all the problems. I had a 10-year stint that was unbelievable."

Trump's business record in Atlantic City was mixed. His casinos took in tons of money. But they were so thoroughly laden with debt that it led to four bankruptcies under his watch, and one more after he was gone.

He grew somewhat wistful while discussing the impending demise of the last of his onetime casino empire. Carl Icahn, the billionaire investor and Trump friend who owns the casino, and Atlantic City's main casino workers' union were unable to reach a deal to restore union workers' health insurance and pension benefits that were terminated in its most recent bankruptcy. The casino will shut down at 6 a.m. Monday.

"I'm very sad that they weren't able to reach a deal," Trump said. "It's very sad to me. I felt they should have been able to make a deal."

Though he hasn't owned the casino in years, having lost control to bond holders in a previous bankruptcy, Trump said he will demand that the Taj Mahal remove his name from its facade once it closes. He sued to force the Trump Plaza casino to remove his name after it closed two years ago, arguing that it hurt his personal brand to have his name on a closed, run-down structure.

(His Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, held a rally in July outside the shuttered Trump Plaza, with dirt and grime still spelling out the name "TRUMP" where red neon letters once glowed.)
REPORTING AND WRITING:
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
Burlington County Times

Grill in the family; Hot commodity; Sheaf and beer

Kristen Coppock
Staff writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: BUSINESS & FINANCIAL WRITING PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Press of Atlantic City

From restaurants to retail, Buffett brand not wasting away; The millennial whisperer; Make your home work for you

Martin DeAngelis
Playing their hand; Printing a 3-D future; Work's for them

Crissa Shoemaker DeBree
Staff writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
BUSINESS & FINANCIAL WRITING PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Press of Atlantic City

Road built marina, broke neighborhood; The Battle for A.C.; TAJ shuts doors

Nicholas Huba
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Investigative Reporting
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Weekly Under 6,500
No Third Place
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

Costs of fighting COAH

Meghan Grant
Staff Writer
Belleville marks 15th anniversary of attacks

Driver tested positive for drugs following crash

Roman J. Uschak
Staff Writer
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

South Bergenite

Resident want quieter student neighbors

Meghan Grant
Staff Writer
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Longtime coach won't return next season

Zach Gewelb
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
New Jersey Law Journal

Alternative Dispute Resolution Package

David Gialanella
Zack Needles
Hank Grezlak
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: News Column
Snow a perennial test for mayors; Is Murphy too ‘middle class’ to be governor?; A ripple effect of Fidel Castro’s revolution

Agustin C. Torres
Columnist
Third Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Star-Ledger

Weequahic band steps off in style; Built to last; A Life Reclaimed

Barry Carter
ACLU reinforces point that police are not above the law on the road; What led judges to conclude letting crooked sheriff out of jail was OK?; When does 1 plus zero equal 3? When it's an ISP panel

Jay Jefferson Cooke
Staff Writer
A Christmas his kids deserve; Asbury Park Press readers rally for Barnegat family; Gov. Christie, meet a toddler poisoned by lead

Jerry Carino
First Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

By missing cop's funeral; Will Donald Trump; Seeking a presidential pardon

J.D. Mullane
Columnist
Iran Deal Angers Victims' Families; Trenton fiddles while bridges rust; Feeling forgotten in Camden

Mike Kelly
Record Columnist
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Arts & Entertainment Writing
Family member 'returns' home to Kingsland Manor

Descendants loan oil painting and other heirlooms to Nutley's historical site

Hasime Kukaj

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Nutley Sun

Family member 'returns' home to Kingsland Manor

Hasime Kukaj
Feelin' Groovy: Art Garfunkel will bring a chapter of history to McCarter

Mike Morsch
Executive Editor
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

Author completes novel 35 years in the making

Megan Spinelli
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The SandPaper

For Original Music, Biggest Challenge Is Finding a Home

Victoria Ford
Writer
Unauthorized SHP work approved after the fact

Zoning Board approves amendments to Seton Hall Prep expansion plan after work is done without permission

By Grace Griffin
Staff Writer

The West Orange Zoning Board approved 15 amendments to the site plan of Seton Hall Preparatory’s new athletic complex expansion during its July 11 meeting. Although some of the work had already been done — with Vice Chairman Bruce Barchet being the lone vote against it. It then voted to pass the site plan changes, with Barchet, William Boleski and Mark Smaczil voting no. The decision comes after a debate among the board members as to whether they should go along with SHP’s requested changes when the school’s attorneys did not follow the plan approved by the Zoning Board in 1004. Though well, the final decision has been made to authorize the expansion, which is expected to be completed by the fall.

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Exhibit shows that art is a family affair for W.O.'s Cardens

By Sean Quinn
Staff Writer

Most families have a lot in common — a shared love of movies, similar taste in music, shared passions, etc. But few families can match the Cardens in West Orange.

“W.O.'s Cardens, our family is a true art lover,” said Carrie Carden. “It’s all about the collection of our artwork and the stories behind it.”

The Cardens’ collection includes works by famous artists such as Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, and Vincent van Gogh. In fact, according to Carrie, W.O.'s Cardens is the only place in town where you can find a collection of this size.

“W.O.'s Cardens is truly a unique experience,” said Janet Carden, who is married to Carrie. “It’s a place where we can come to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and enjoy some peaceful moments.”

The Cardens have been collecting art for over 20 years, and their collection continues to grow. Their latest acquisition is a painting by local artist John Smith, who creates unique and contemporary pieces.

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Beloved pizzeria closes

Scotto’s Pizza shuts down with owner’s retirement

By Tony Gicas

Clifton - When Giuseppe “Scotto” Scotto sold the key to the door, his DownTown Clifton Plaza for the last time, he knew it was time to say goodbye to the pizza shop on the corner of Broad and Forest avenues that had been his life for the past 25 years.

Scotto’s was a staple of Clifton’s downtown area, with its signature red awning and old-school style. The pizza was always a hit, with customers coming from all over to try their famous Sicilian pies.

The shop was located at 305 Broad Street, and it was known for its friendly staff and delicious food. Scotto, who ran the shop with his wife, Marie, had been in the pizza business for over 40 years and was proud to have built a loyal customer base.

“I love this place, I love these people,” Scotto said as he closed the doors for the last time. “This is where I’ve spent most of my life.”

Scotto’s is expected to remain closed indefinitely, with no plans for the property to be used as a restaurant in the future. The building will likely be repurposed for residential or commercial use, according to sources familiar with the situation.

Beloved pizzeria closes
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Opinion Column
Bernards Township government must go; Player not out of line for sitting out anthem; Three pathetic state troopers in need of a basic-law primer

Jay Jefferson Cooke
Columnist
When it comes to food, Paterson’s diversity shines; A political star is diminished; ‘Xenophobia’ and other troublesome words in play

Bruce Lowry
Freeholders moving ahead; Vohden not running; It took the right candidate

Rob Jennings
Second Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Philadelphia Inquirer

In Orlando; Discarded animals;
Surviving suicide

Jason Nark
Reporter
Senate’s No. 1 bill much needed; Lenape school board owes taxpayers; Bill would let fox watch henhouse

Shane Fitzgerald
Executive editor
Christie ‘a big tough guy’ or just a bully?; Being a good guy comes back to haunt Christie; Martinis more of a danger to us than marijuana

Tom Moran
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Special Subject Writing
Church members' roots run deep

Diana Oliveira

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News
BOE apologizes for bus mix-up

Students' names, addresses were given to private company in error

In East Rutherford, balance of council shifts to Dems for first time since 1982

Democrats unseat GOP incumbents in Rutherford council election

Kelly Nicholaides
Staff Writer
Bombing drill tests paramedics' response to a crisis

Erin Roll
Uniforms on display help tell Teaneck soldiers' stories

Cheryl O'Brien
Reporte
Pastor looks for a better life for tribe

P.J. Candido
Residents mourn victims of national gun violence

Stephanie Noda
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Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Feature/Entertainment Column
REPORTING AND WRITING: FEATURE/ENTERTAINMENT COLUMN

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000
The Jersey Journal

Was religious homophobia cause of Orlando massacre?; Meet the homeless in the hills of Hoboken; Undocumented students find a home at SPU

Fr. Alexander Santora
Columnist
Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record
(Bergen County)

‘60s ‘Batman reawakens a childhood;
Thank you, Mom, for the memories, the lessons and the love; Adoptee finds birth mom after decades of struggle

Bill Ervolino
Staff Writer
Difference between a father and a dad is in the details; Some advice from a new grandparent; Sports always played a role in one mother’s life

David Weinberg
Staff Writer
What a little boy should know; For Evesham police officer; When it comes to mothers

Phil Gianficaro
Columnist
First Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

A king among kings; No, the Beatles did not film 'Help' in Asbury; The tragedy of Muhammad Ali

Chris Jordan
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Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Environmental, Health & Science Writing
Pledging Support to Local Farms Comes With Benefits

Gretchen Van Benthuysen
Is there still time to save Brisbane Lake?

Christopher Neely
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SCIENCE WRITING

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Two River Times

Debbie Mans: Midwesterner with Jersey Sand in Her Shoes

Joseph Sapia
Judy Alvarez
Danny Sanchez
Neptune Basin Expansion Project Awaits Pinelands Commission OK

Victoria Ford  
Writer
Quick birth gives Verona baby local ties

Joshua Jongsma
Sparta Independent

Lead Levels in Local Water; Opioid Alternative Initiative; Sparta Mountain Controversy

Erika Norton
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Sports Column
Anderson is ultimate dual-threat weapon; Banks returns to being leader on field after elbow injury; Zigler, Haile have special bond on Vineland defensive line

Trevor Newcomb
Columnist
Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Star-Ledger

Why Ali Was “The Greatest” and why I called him my friend

Jerry Izenberg
Elite no matter what; MLB and Halloween’s spooky connection; ‘Hamilton’ boon shows Yanks ticket swoon isn’t permanent

Ed Lucas
Columnist
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPORTS COLUMN

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record
(Bergen County)

Sober Sabathia notches biggest win;
Grieving for Mets’ Forde very painful;
The many reasons why I will miss Alex Rodriguez

Bob Klapisch
Team, coach show grit and class; We'll all miss photographer and friend; End of Skylands 'Odd Couple'

Carl Barbati
He was one of a kind; A time and a place; One special moment

Phil Anastasia
Reporter
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Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Business & Economic Writing
Time, salt air takes its toll on Middle Thorofare Bridge

Bill Barlow
Bankruptcy Still Looms Large in Atlantic City Crisis

David Gialanella
Zack Needles
Hank Grezlak
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
BUSINESS & ECONOMIC WRITING

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500
The Ridgewood News

Chef cooks pasta dish to aid earthquake victims

Alexandra Hoey
Staff Writer
Liquor Licenses: Paying the Price to Pour

Lisa Marie Segarra
Staff Writer
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
BUSINESS & ECONOMIC WRITING

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Hopewell Valley News

Lights going out on Off-Broadstreet Theatre

Andrew Martins
Managing Editor
Mass Layoffs Unlikely in NJ, but 'Rightsizing' Never Ends

David Gialanella
Zack Needles
Hank Grezlak
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Critical Writing
Film presents a raw, powerful look at the Holocaust; Sparkling family-friendly film; True-life story roars with resilience

James Berardinelli
Correspondent
REPORTING AND WRITING: CRITICAL WRITING

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Press of Atlantic City

Tacos el Tio = lunches el flop-o!

Avalon's Cafe Loren; A legend in its own time

Scott Cronick
Director of Entertainment Publications
Diversity rules at Blast Furnace Blues Fest

By ROBERT PRICE

The Blast Furnace Blues Festival held in the American Legion Hall in Washington, Pa., recently featured a variety of blues acts. The event featured performances from renowned blues musicians and local talent. The festival was an opportunity for fans to come together and celebrate the rich history of American blues music.

Family celebrates Chapin

By ROBERT PRICE

The family of the late musician Al Bowlly has paid tribute to him with a special concert at the Blast Furnace Blues Festival. Al Bowlly was a celebrated singer and songwriter in the 1920s and 1930s, and his legacy lives on through his music. The concert was a fitting way to honor his contributions to the blues genre.

New Jersey Herald

Diversity Rules; Edgar Winter Rocks;

Robert Price
REPORTING AND WRITING: CRITICAL WRITING

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
Courier-Post

Osushi; Angelo's Pizzeria; Heart Beet Kitchen

Danya Henninger
Restaurant Critic
Thriller makes old plotline seem like a breath of fresh air

Bill Wine Correspondent

Thriller makes old plotline; Teen tale offers laughs; Thought-provoking drama
First Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record
(Bergen County)

Coming-of-age tale smoothly segues to stage; God returns to Broadway just for yuks; A LOVE LETTER TO PATERSON

Jim Beckerman
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Education Writing
Students’ gift not so easily accepted

Erin Roll
School funding reform debated

Kathy Chang

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Edison/Metuchen Sentinel

School funding reform debated

Kathy Chang
Estonian president revisits his Leonia roots

Svetlana Shkolnikova
Reporter
PARCC test talk upsets Clifton parents

Jessica Presinzano
Segregation in Red Bank Schools: How It Happened and What Can Be Done; Controversy Continues Over Charter School

John Burton
Marion Lynch
Cyndy Halsey Mernick
American Reading Company Cut From Budget; Superintendent McCartney Accepts Position; Board Members Express Regret Over Resignation; EHT School Board To Vote On Transgender Policy; Residents Voice Concern Over Proposed Transgender Policy; EHT School District

Laura Stetser
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Robert P. Kelly Award
Boy’s death renews call for local jitney bus regulation; Residents on edge after uptick in shootings; Boy battling cancer surprised with a hero-themed parade

Caitlin Mota, Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING: ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Star-Ledger

Home is where millennials are; Drop in immigration is costing N.J.; Juror: Christie should have been on trial

Erin Petenko
REPORTING AND WRITING:
ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD
Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
Courier News

Up in Smoke; Bad Air; Tchoukball video; How relics of Woodbridge’s oddest history ended up on display in Paris

Nick Muscavage
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING:
ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

Father's dying words saves mom in fiery crash; Police stave off man's 'suicide by cop' demands; Family, friends mourn stabbed Neptune man

Katie Park
REPORTING AND WRITING:
ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

First Place, Daily Over 23,000

New Jersey Herald

Car dealership helping family in need;
Anti-bear hunting activist gets 10 days; Zsa Zsa had Franklin connection;
Katie letter

Katie Moen
REPORTING AND WRITING: ROBERT P. KELLY AWARD

First Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record (Bergen County)

Making Life Sweeter; Meet Three North Jersey Pastry Chefs; The Joys of Canning; A Soulful Sound Anchored to the Great Women of Jazz

Sophia F. Gottfried
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Fresh Approach to Routine Reporting
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500
The Independent Press of Bloomfield

Town resident recalls his years as a German POW

Daniel Jackovino
Staff Writer

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Staff Writer
SOUTH BERGENITE

REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500
South Bergenite

Bobo, others banned from haunt due to clown craze

Residents want quieter student neighbors
Mom seeks signage to slow area traffic

$7K of fire donations lost are now found

Forgotten pets taken in by local animal shelters
Healthcare shutdown leaves many worried

Kelly Nicholaides
Staff Writer
I had to stop and see what I could do

Mike Lamberti
Correspondent
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

5 Reasons to see 'A Song at Twilight'

Gwen Orel
Staff Writer
First Place, Weekly Under 6,500
Verona-Cedar Grove Times
Pokemon Go craze spreads locally
Megan Spinelli
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Atlantic City Weekly

Revel's rebel dissecting the dream world of Glenn Straub

Ryan Loughlin
Associate Editor
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Best Headlines
No forecast from groundhog, Stonewall's death casts shadow on annual; Garrett, Gottheimer try to pump up campaigns; Zsa Zsa had a Franklin connection, dahling!

David Krauss
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST HEADLINES

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

Inspiration in aisle 16; Your money or your laptop; Trump towers

Lisa Kruse
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST HEADLINES

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

One byte at a time; Poem on the grange; Writing a book is November's novel idea

Kristen Coppock
Staff writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST HEADLINES

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Press of Atlantic City

Where there were nuns, now there are none; Pain in the Asphalt; See you Monday

Daniel Grote
Copy Desk Chief
State of play: Toys come out of the attic for New Jersey museum show; An American 'Idle': It's all in the timing for Moorestown mechanic; Right on cue: Willingboro billiards players chalk up their success to practice and camaraderie
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST HEADLINES

First Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Record (Bergen County)

Four-Legged Friending; Elegies from the ashes: 9/11 museum mounts its first art exhibit; Savoring his second chance

Stewart Brann
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Graphics & Illustration
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

No Third Place
Weekly Over 6,500
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500
The Montclair Times

Body cameras

Jon Russo
Editorial Cartoonist
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500
The Item of Millburn and Short Hills
The buck stops here
Harry Trumbore
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The SandPaper

Fly Olympics

Leslee Ganss
Artist
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Retrospect

Season's Greetings

Mark Zeigler
Graphic Artist
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The SandPaper

Guide to Beach Setup

Leslee Ganss
Artist
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Best Lede
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST LEDE

No Third Place

Daily Under 23,000
SOUTH JERSEY

8 years for killing over noisy birds

The Voorhees defendant, who had faced up to 30 years, had cited self-defense in the dispute over a neighbor's pets.

By Barbara Boyer

David P. Giordano told a state judge Wednesday that he lived an honorable life. That is, he said, until he killed his neighbor, 52-year-old Michael Taylor, in 2012 during a fight about Taylor's noisy pet birds.

On Wednesday, Giordano, 65, of Voorhees, stood stoically before Superior Court Judge Samuel D. Natal in Camden asking for mercy during his sentencing hearing. "I'm truly sorry," Giordano said, turning toward Taylor's relatives and friends in the gallery. "My true intentions were to protect myself." In February, a jury rejected self-defense and instead convicted Giordano of aggravated manslaughter and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes. He was acquitted of first-degree murder but was still facing a potential 30-year sentence.

Natal imposed an eight-year sentence Wednesday, noting that Giordano, a National Guard veteran with no previous criminal history, would have responded well to a probationary sentence. That was not an option. Natal said, reviewing sentencing requirements. Giordano was immediately remanded to the Camden County Jail. See B15 on B5.

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Scarfo friend; Eight years for killing; Is school board member

Barbara Boyer

Reporter
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST LEDE

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
New Jersey Herald

Heater’s Pond shark; A road that leads to nowhere; County bears in N.J. woods

Todd McHale
Staff Writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST LEDE

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Press of Atlantic City

Martin DeAngelis

Martin DeAngelis
Staff Writer
Councilman seeks new limits on noise; Small league baseball, big league politics; Fulop, fiancée tying the knot today!

Terrence McDonald
Reporter
The home-care option for the aging carries tough challenges; Gone overboard; A rare breed

John Petrick
Staff Writer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing & Illustration: Headlines
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: HEADLINES

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

Bike recycling program keeps cycle moving; Music is a Shore thing; Seniors sever TIES, leave with fond memories

Jaime Walters
Editor
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: HEADLINES

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Current of Galloway, Egg Harbor City and Port Republic

**Kettlebell lifting allows record holder to juggle wife, 3 kids; Cast feeling the love for 'Lion King Jr.; Committee pecks away at chicken ordinance**

Joan Kostiuk
Editor
RHS byes the first round; Last leaps lead RHS boys to title; Ridgewood goalie gets a Devil of a chance

Matthew Birchenough
Staff Writer
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION:
HEADLINES

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Princeton Packet

Food for thought; Ready, Set ... Bake; Sis-Boom-Ha!

Anthony Stoeckert
Editor, TimeOFF
Windsor-Hights Herald

The 'Mutiny' hopes to collect big bounty with his mouth; Slow ride, take it easy; Rabies clinic runs purrrfectly

Mike Morsch
Executive Editor
REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: HEADLINES

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Atlantic City Weekly

Something to 'taco' 'bout; Setting up camp; Tied up

Pamela Dollak
Editor
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Special Issue
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPECIAL ISSUE

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

Teen Excellence 2016

Martha Esposito
Editor

Liz Riegel
Designer
Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

Asbury Park Press

The Jersey Sound: History of Music in the Garden State

Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPECIAL ISSUE

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000

Courier News

Courier News Wish Book

MaryLynn Schiavi, Correspondent
Carolyn Sampson, Staff Writer
Donna Poulsen, Staff Designer
Paul Grzella, Editor
REPORTING AND WRITING: SPECIAL ISSUE

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000

Asbury Park Press

Jersey Fresh: Rediscovering the Garden in the Garden State

Staff
First Place, Weekly Under 23,000
New Jersey Herald
2016 Football preview
New Jersey Herald sports staff
First Place, Weekly Over 23,000

The Star-Ledger

THE 100-yard Deception

Staff
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Reporting, Writing and Illustration: Best Lede
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: BEST LEDE

Weekly Under 6,500

No Third Place
Longport asks residents to conserve water

Nanette LoBiondo Galloway
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: BEST LEDE

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Hillsborough Beacon

Active shooter! Drill simulates armed assault, hostages in municipal building

Andrew Martins
Managing Editor
REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: BEST LEDE

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
The SandPaper

26-Member Run For the Fallen Team Honors New Jersey’s Military Heroes

David Biggy
Writer
Glen Ridge Voice

Borough looking at laws in response to shop; Like a party from another galaxy; Borough may set rules for keeping chickens

Erin Roll
First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Atlantic City Weekly
Revel's rebel; Enjoy the silence; Small brawlers
Ryan Loughlin, Associate Editor
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Reporting and Writing: Niche Publication
REPORTING AND WRITING: NICHE PUBLICATION

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000

New Jersey Herald

2016 Family section

New Jersey Herald staff

Kathy Stevens
Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Press of Atlantic City

At the Shore

At The Shore Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: NICHE PUBLICATION

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
New Jersey Herald
2016 Sparta
Bruce Scruton
Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park
Press
Summer Guide
Staff
REPORTING AND WRITING: NICHE PUBLICATION

First Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

Reality

Tom Raski
Designer

Andy Vineberg
Staff writer
REPORTING AND WRITING: NICHE PUBLICATION

First Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Press of Atlantic City

Flavor

Flavor Staff
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: General Typography & Layout of the Entire Paper
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

Weekly Under 6,500

No third place
PACKAGING THE NEWS: GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

July 29 & September 30, 2016

Editorial Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
The SandPaper
August 3 & October 12, 2016
Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

April 14 & Sept. 29, 2016

Joshua Jongsma
Zach Gewelb
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
GENERAL TYPOGRAPHY & LAYOUT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Atlantic City Weekly
2016 Summer Guide

Jill Metzger
Cover Designer

Kathy Disbrow
Graphic Artist
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Design and Presentation: News/Business Page Design Portfolio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000
Burlington County Times

Colleen Prendergast
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000
Courier-Post

Tommy Piatchek
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
Courier News

Presidential Sideshow; Voter anxiety; Finding a sanctuary; Doing e-good; Thank you for your warmth and caring

Robert Cohn
James Warren
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

Trump Nation; War of Words; Manhunt; Bad Teachers; ObamaCare

Robert Cohn
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 23,000

The Daily Journal

News Page Design Portfolio by Tommy Piatcek & Robert Cohn

Tommy Piatcek
Designer

Robert Cohn
Designer

Dana Stewart
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
NEWS/BUSINESS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Times

Tiffany Schmidt Portfolio

Tiffany Schmidt
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Front Page Layout
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

The Coast Star

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Fred Tuccillo
Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

July 28 & Oct. 6, 2016

Joshua Jongsma
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

The Montclair Times A1 pages, April 28, Oct. 13

Kevin Meacham
Managing Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FRONT PAGE LAYOUT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Ridgewood News

March 25 & October 7, 2016

Jaime Walters
Editor

Barbara Manning
Designer

SCHOOLS
Former RHS student turned author visits

THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016
northjersey.com/ridgewood

The times may be a-changin’
Unanimous vote for bond
parking garage project

Multi-family housing
ordinances pass, 3-2

Unanimous vote for bond
parking garage project

Former RHS student turned author visits

SCHOOLS

The Ridgewood News

March 25 & October 7, 2016

Jaime Walters
Editor

Barbara Manning
Designer
First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Atlantic City Weekly

Get Moving; Burlesque is back

Jill Metzger
Cover Designer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Design and Presentation:
Feature Section Page Design Portfolio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000
New Jersey Herald

Kathy Stevens
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Press of Atlantic City

Beach Books; Do albums still matter?; Fourth of July; Miss Social Media; The instant connoisseur

Gail Wilson
Presentation Editor
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
Burlington County Times

Community/Life

Colleen Prendergast
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

Jersey Alive

Sheldon Sneed
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 23,000
Burlington County Times

Reality

Tom Raski
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
FEATURE SECTION PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

Beyond the margarita;  For the love of chocolate;  Pedal talk;
Watch your step;  Upper crust

Danielle Cherchio
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Editorial Section Layout & Content
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500
The Ridgewood News
May 27 & October 14, 2016
Jaimie Walters
Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Ocean City Sentinel

Editorial Section

David Nahan
Editor
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

July 14 & Sept. 29, 2016

Joshua Jongsma
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
EDITORIAL SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

Feb. 11 & Oct. 6, 2016

Mark S. Porter, Editor
Jon Russo, Editorial Cartoonist
Dave Astor, Columnist
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Design and Presentation: Sports Page Design Portfolio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Under 23,000
New Jersey Herald

Jesse Kryscio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000
Courier-Post

Tommy Piatechek
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000
Burlington County Times

Sports

Bill Tull
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000
Asbury Park Press

Scenes from Super Bowl & More

Hannah Burkett
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 23,000
Burlington County Times

Sports

Colleen Prendergast
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
SPORTS PAGE DESIGN PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Captain Carli; In Mason they trust;
Jersey fresh; Lost explorer; The future is now

John V. Smith
Page Designer
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Feature Section Layout & Content
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Weekly Under 6,500

No Third Place
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500
The Sandpaper
June 29 & October 5, 2016
Editorial Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Weekly Under 6,500

No Second Place
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500
The Princeton Packet

TimeOFF

Anthony Stoeckert
Editor TimeOFF

Joe Kanaska
Graphic Designer
PACKAGING THE NEWS: FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

Verona-Cedar Grove Times

July 21 & Oct. 6, 2016

Joshua Jongsma
PACKAGING THE NEWS:  
FEATURE SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

Christine Sparta, Staff Writer
Gwen Orel, Staff Writer
Bob Cannon, Staff Writer
Karen Schloss Diaz, Columnist
Newspaper Contest 2016

Daily Division

Design and Presentation: Graphics/Illustration Portfolio
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

Daily Under 23,000

No Third Place
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

Third Place, Daily Over 23,000

The Press of Atlantic City

Fixin' Philly; I Want You For The NFL;
It's Not Too Late To Divvy Estate;
How-To-Win Retirement; 50+ of the
Best Fests in South Jersey

Jenna Ketchmark
Presentation Editor
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Under 23,000

Philadelphia Daily News

The Art Thief Series

Amy Raudenbush
Graphics Artist
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION: GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

Second Place, Daily Over 23,000

Asbury Park Press

Drug Addiction; Bad Air; Sept. 11; Fentanyl; Raises

Robert Cohn
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Under 23,000

Burlington County Times

Reality

Tom Raski
Designer
DESIGN AND PRESENTATION:
GRAPHICS/ILLUSTRATION PORTFOLIO

First Place, Daily Over 23,000
The Star-Ledger

James Green
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Sports Section Layout & Content
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Third Place, Weekly Under 6,500
Verona-Cedar Grove Times

April 14 & Sept. 29, 2016

Zach Gewelb
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500
Ocean City Sentinel

Sports Section

David Nahan, Editor
Kristen Kelleher, Reporter
Kyle McCrane, Reporter
Craig Schenck, Reporter
KINGS OF THE HILL
Chatham wins Morris County basketball crown

Garry Herzog
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Coast Star

Len Bardsley
Adam Young
Joyce Manser
PACKAGING THE NEWS:
SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500
The Ocean Star

Dominick Pollio
Joyce Manser
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPORTS SECTION LAYOUT & CONTENT

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The Montclair Times

May 26 & Oct. 6, 2016

Nicholas Verhagen
Sports Editor

Kevin Meacham
Managing Editor

Steve Tober
Columnist
Newspaper Contest 2016

Weekly Division

Packaging the News: Special Issue
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

Weekly Under 6,500

No Third Place
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

Third Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Atlantic City Weekly

2016 Summer Guide

Jill Metzger
Cover Designer
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

Second Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Two River Times

Holiday Times Dec. 8, 2016

Judy O'Gorman Alvarez
Elizabeth Wulfhorst
Mike Quon
John Burton
Cyndy Halsey Mernick
Second Place, Weekly Over 6,500

The SandPaper

Shore Traditions A Guide to the Holiday Season 2016

Staff
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

First Place, Weekly Under 6,500

The Two River Times

I Do!

Judy O'Gorman Alvarez
Cassie Galasetti
Cyndy Halsey Mernick
PACKAGING THE NEWS: SPECIAL ISSUE

First Place, Weekly Over 6,500

Ocean City Sentinel

Be Prepared

David Nahan, Editor
Eric Avedissian, Reporter
Kristen Kelleher, Reporter
Newspaper Contest 2016

Online Categories
Newspaper Contest 2016

Best Web Project
BEST WEB PROJECT

Third Place
The Star-Ledger
N.J.'s invisible workforce
Staff

njdotcom: Living in an unheated garage and working for $10-an-hour is not exactly the version of the American dream Rafael Sanchez says he envisioned when he crossed the border from Mexico and came to New Brunswick.
Sanchez is among a growing army of workers employed by temporary agencies in New Jersey.
The business of supplying blue-collar temporary workers to factories and warehouses is booming in the Garden State. But the state's "temp towns" have a dark side.

Visit nj.com for the full story.
BEST WEB PROJECT

THE 100-YARD DECEPTION

When the hottest-selling artificial turf fields in the U.S. began falling apart, executives put profits over the good of their biggest customer – the unwitting taxpayer.

Second Place
The Star-Ledger
THE 100-yard Deception
Staff
First Place

The Record (Bergen County)

Transgender Youth Staff
Newspaper Contest 2016

Best Multimedia Element
BEST MULTIMEDIA ELEMENT

Third Place

The Press of Atlantic City

Black History of Atlantic City

Vern Ogrodnek
BEST MULTIMEDIA ELEMENT

Second Place

The Record (Bergen County)

My Name is Gio
Danielle Parhizkaran
BEST MULTIMEDIA ELEMENT

The Battle Room: St. John Vianney

First Place

Asbury Park Press

Battle Room: St. John Vianney

Brian Johnston
Newspaper Contest 2016

Best Blog
My mission: Fend off dementia, the merciless killer that claimed my mother

A stranger slipped in among us to steal our mother’s mind.
Bamboozled: The new scam Amazon won't warn you about

Nick Davis says he fell for a scam when an Amazon third-party seller asked for payment via Amazon gift card. (Andrew Mills/For NJ Advance Media)

By Karin Price Mueller | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
Email the author | Follow on Twitter
on November 24, 2016 at 9:09 AM, updated November 26, 2016 at 11:46 AM

If you plan to shop on Amazon.com this holiday season, be warned.

There’s a new scam afoot, and the con artists are using Amazon to steal your money. Based on the number of complaints reported to Bamboozled from across the country in the past few months, the problem is widespread, if not rampant.
BEST BLOG

First Place
Courier-Post

Eat My Words

Tammy Paolino, Reporter
Newspaper Contest 2016

Best Video
Third Place

The Star-Ledger

The trip to David Samson's South Carolina home that made him bribe United Airlines

Brian Donohue
Second Place

Courier-Post

Band on the hill: Camden High's band begins its march to nationals

Amanda Marzullo
BEST VIDEO

WATCH: Death of a hero

A father died saving his son. Andrew Ford

First Place
Asbury Park Press
Death of a Hero
Andrew Ford
Newspaper Contest 2016

Innovation Award
INNOVATION AWARD

Third Place
The Press of Atlantic City

Press TV -30-

Staff
INNOVATION AWARD

Second Place
Asbury Park Press

Election Night livecast
Staff
## INNOVATION AWARD

**First Place**

**The Star-Ledger**

*Census: Compare your town*

Carla Astudillo

### Newark

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### Jersey City

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